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COUNTRY : Rumania
SUBJECT : The 272nd Motor Rifle Regiment
in Bucharest

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1. In 1959, the 272nd motor rifle regiment [REDACTED] was stationed in Bucharest across from the Cimitirul Genesca military cemetery and near the end of the No. 3 and No. 8 streetcar lines. The regiment was part of the Tudor Vladimirescu Infantry Division, which also included an infantry regiment stationed at the Cotroceni quarter of Bucharest and an infantry regiment at Caracal (N 44-07, E 24-21). Although the 272nd regiment, which had about 1000 men, was undermanned, it was equipped with the newest weapons, because the Tudor Vladimirescu division was the first in Rumania to receive the equipment.
2. The 272nd regiment was composed of the following:

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- a. Two infantry battalions, each of which had two rifle companies, one machine gun company, and a battery of 57-millimeter anti-tank guns. Each rifle company consisted of three infantry platoons (plutoane), which were divided into three sections, and one machine gun platoon. Each rifle section, composed of only six men instead of eight, was armed as follows: privates, SKS semiautomatic rifles; section commanders, P.P.Sh. submachine guns; and deputy section commanders, light machine guns. Each machine gun platoon had two machine guns, primarily SGM models and a few Maxim guns.
- b. A tank battalion, consisting of two platoons. Each platoon had ten or twelve T-54 tanks of Soviet and Polish manufacture.
- c. A signals company equipped with RBM receiver-transmitter sets.
- d. A battery of 120-millimeter mortars (aruncatori 120).
- e. A battery of 37-millimeter antiaircraft guns.
- f. A battery of 57-millimeter antitank guns.
- g. An engineers' company (companie de pioneri).
- h. A services company, consisting of 70-80 drivers and cooks.
3. The headquarters and staff of the regiment included the following:
a lieutenant colonel, who was regimental commanding officer; two majors, deputy political commanders; two majors, deputy commanders (loctitor de front); a major, chief of staff; a colonel, commanding officer of regimental artillery; a colonel, commanding officer of the quartermaster branch; a captain, operations officer (seful biroului

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front), with a clerical staff of five soldiers; a captain, chief of the secret bureau (seful biroului D.S.), assisted by a soldier clerk; a captain, secretary of the Party cell; and a senior lieutenant, UTM cell secretary.

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COUNTRY : Romania

SUBJECT : Infantry Units in Piatra Neamt and Sibiu,
and Transport Battalion in Timisoara

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1. In late 1960, an infantry unit [redacted] was stationed at Piatra Neamt. Although officially designated a regiment, this unit was actually a training unit and its strength was far below that of a full regiment. A battalion within the unit gave three-month basic training courses for recruits, and another battalion trained non-commissioned officers (NCO) for three months. The graduates of the NCO course, who could graduate with ranks up to sergeant, were posted to infantry units, most of which did not have individual training facilities for NCOs. After this regiment had been disbanded in late 1960, its installations were used as a training base for the academic reserves.

2. In mid-1961, an ammunition depot [redacted] which belonged to an

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infantry unit stationed at Sihles (N 45-30, E 27-07), was situated near Cialau (N 45-15, E 26-22) in the Buzaul River valley. A captain commanded the company in charge of the depot's maintenance and security, which had less than 100 men. In mid-1961, reorganization of all units in the area was begun, and the depot was transferred to another unit. A new maintenance company was installed at the depot, and the old company was disbanded.

3. During this reorganization,¹ a transport battalion [redacted] commanded by a lieutenant colonel, was established at Timisoara to serve all military units in the area. Soldiers were gradually transferred from other units to serve with this battalion, but by late 1961, it had not been fully organized.

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1. [redacted] Comment: This reorganization might have encompassed the entire Romanian Army.

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COUNTRY: Rumania

SUBJECT: 1. Regimental School for Armored Corps
NCO's, Sibiu
2. Tank Regiment of the 81st Armored
Division, Targul-Mures

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Regimental Armored School in Sibiu

1. In late 1957, a regimental school for tank and self-propelled gun crew instructors (schoala regimentala de instructuri tancuri si autotumuri) was located in the new quarter of Sibiu, opposite the school for artillery officers at the end of Armatei Rosi Boulevard. The armored school prepared instructors for armored units of the Third Military District and was organized along the lines of an infantry regiment. It consisted of six companies of four platoons each; each platoon consisted of three sections with a total of 27 men, three NCO's, and one officer.
2. Conscripts with secondary school education, or those who had

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almost completed secondary school, were sent to the armored school for eleven months of training. Upon completion of the course, they were given noncommissioned officer ranks and sent to various armored units to instruct new recruits.

3. The companies at the school prepared instructors for training tank commanders (two companies), gunlayers (ochitori), radiotelegraphists, tank drivers, and chemical warfare personnel. Only the T-34/85 model tank was used in the instruction. Four companies of the school were equipped with a total of 48 of these tanks. The school also had six 85-mm self-propelled guns and four 16-ton armored cars, armed with 45-mm cannon. These were also used for training purposes.
4. There were three sheds at the school, each about 100 meters long, in which I. V. Stalin 76/120 tanks were kept.
 a total of 80 such tanks^{was} in the sheds.

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Tank Regiment in Targul-Mures

5. In late 1958, a tank regiment of the 81st Armored Division was stationed about 100 meters from the railroad station in Targul-Mures. The barracks of the regiment occupied a large area which ran the entire length of the street. Commanded by Colonel Stefanescu (fnu), the regiment included three tank companies and a maintenance company (RML). Each tank company consisted of four platoons, and each platoon was equipped with four T-34 tanks. In addition to these tanks, the regiment had a number of new tanks which were kept

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in reserve; they included the T-34 model of Czech manufacture
and 85-mm self-propelled guns.

6. The 81st Armored Division also included another tank regiment in
Deva and an infantry regiment in Podul-Mures.

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